

Livestock owner denies rumors

A businessman and livestock owner isn't happy about rumors that members of the Kansas Livestock Association are behind an anonymous flyer sent out to voters last week accusing a commissioner of having an illegal feedlot.

Dean Esslinger, a cattleman and former county commissioner, dropped by the Norton County Commission meeting on Monday to talk about the flyer and feedlots in general.

He said that he tries to comply with all laws on feedlots including scraping area and putting the compost on his fields to cut down on possible pollution.

He said that he doesn't always agree with the commissioners but when he doesn't he will tell them and if he gives out information, he'll sign them.

"If I write a letter to the editor or send something out," he said. "I'll sign it."

Commissioner Leroy Lang, who has said he is the unnamed commissioner in the flyer said that

he has been trying to get a permit for his small feedlot since 1997. Each time he calls asking where the permit is, he said, he is told that he's in compliance and to not worry about it. He reapplied last year, he said, and had an engineer out taking core samples and looking over his lot and plans.

"We're not against the livestock industry," Mr. Lang said. "We've never been against the livestock industry. We just want it to be people friendly and protect the water."

Mr. Esslinger said that he doesn't believe that anyone from the livestock group sent out the anonymous flyer since it wouldn't be to their benefit to point fingers at other livestock producers.

He said that continuing changes in regulations have made it difficult for both the county and the livestockmen.

"There's no reason we couldn't have had that landfill eight years ago," he said. "They keep changing the rules."



The 62 members of FCCLA at Norton Community High School collected almost 140 coats and warm winter garments in this year's coat drive. The group's adviser, Regina Stark, said the coats would be taken elsewhere for distribution or delivered to Methodist Missions out of Wichita. Helping get the coats ready to ship were (from left) Tim Becker, Tanner Griffith, co-chairs Annette Becker and Ami Richard and Courtney Smith. They gathered up armloads of coats yesterday, the last day of the drive.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Satellite television company has new owner

Customers of DIRECTV, a satellite television provider, might notice a few changes.

Last December, DIRECTV was bought by News Corporation, which changed the way business was done with the company's distributors, including local merchant Prairie Land Plus.

Prairie Land Plus officials said the company is still a retailer of DIRECTV and will still handle its subscribers' billing and programming, including handling any problems, but it is no longer in charge of setting prices and programming.

A letter sent out to Prairie Land

Plus' DIRECTV subscribers said when the television service was sold, the local distributor's exclusive distribution territory and subscribers was bought as well. The territory includes Norton, Decatur, Phillips, Rooks and Graham counties.

The letter said although Prairie

Land Plus no longer has control over pricing for equipment, programming, service calls and other associated billing fees, the distributor has been assured that the price customers pay now "will be honored until such time that DIRECTV re-prices their programming packages."

It said Prairie Land Plus is confident that it can still give its customers excellent service and support even though it doesn't make the rules anymore.

"As long as DIRECTV delivers on their end of our partnership, we'll make the commitment necessary to uphold our end," said the letter. "As always, call on us anytime you need help. We've had a very successful business because of customers just like you. No one here at Prairie Land Plus will ever forget that."

Customers who have problems or new customers wanting service can contact Prairie Land Plus at 785-877-2889.

4-H judging contests held during summer

Livestock judging, photography judging and intermediate lifeskills contests were held for 4-Hers this summer.

The State Livestock Judging contest was held at Kansas State University campus on Aug. 28. The Norton County 4-H team of Lindsey Jessup, Amanda Brandyberry, Tanner Jessup and Joshua VanSkiike placed 24th overall out of 42 teams. The group judged eight classes and four sets of oral reasons.

Lindsey Jessup placed 10th overall out of 162 contestants. She scored 560 Out of a 600 points. Amanda Brandyberry placed 46th with 538 points. Tanner Jessup 137th with 481 points and Joshua VanSkiike 142nd with 477 points.

The team overall scored 14th in sheep classes.

Senior photography judging had 37 teams and 129 individuals. Tanner Griffith scored 292 points, Joshua VanSkiike, 247 points, Katrina Wentz 240 points and Jake Kramer 203 points. The team was ranked 31st.

Intermediate photography judging had 28 teams and the Norton team placed 21st. Carissa Wentz scored 299, Kelsie Griffith scored 272, Kyra Fulton scored 253 and Diedre Kramer scored 230 points.

In the Intermediate Lifeskills contest the Norton team placed 46th. Hannah Fulton scored 310 points, Kyra Fulton 288 points, Jacob VanSkiike 282 points and Christopher Maddy 266 points.

Congressman receives award

Congressman Jerry Moran received the 2004 National Farmers Union Presidential Award for Leadership. The award is presented to members of Congress for leadership on issues affecting rural America.

Moran was recognized for his leadership in trying to secure emergency disaster aid for drought-stricken farmers and working to improve risk management tools for farmers and ranchers.

"Agriculture is the backbone of our economy and we must protect it," Congressman Moran said. "I am honored to receive (this award) and will continue to work hard every day to defend rural life in Kansas."

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High
 Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; ninth-grade volleyball versus Beloit/Smith Center at Smith Center, 5 p.m.; junior varsity football at Stockton, 6:30 p.m.; Kay Board, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; junior varsity/varsity volleyball at WaKeeney, 5 p.m.
 Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; FFA Area Land Judging at Atwood, 9 a.m.; SAC, a.p.; College Career Night, junior high gym, 7-8:30 p.m.
 Thursday — Photos, junior high gym, 8:30 a.m.; Kays, A.P.; FCCLA Board, 7 p.m.; junior varsity/varsity league cross country at Phillipsburg, 4:30 p.m.
 Friday — Football at Ellis, 7 p.m.
 Saturday — Varsity volleyball at Scott City, 9 a.m.; FFA greenhand conference at Hays, 9 a.m.
 Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; ninth-grade volleyball versus Phillipsburg, here, 5 p.m.; junior varsity football versus Phillipsburg, here, 6:30 p.m.; Regional tennis at WaKeeney

NORTHERN VALLEY
 Saturday — High school volleyball tournament at Ellis, 8:30 a.m.
 Monday — Grade 5-8 band and vocal fall concert, 7:30 p.m., Long Island
 Tuesday — MANDT training at Glade, 8:30 a.m.; Title I professional network at Salina, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; High school volleyball versus Golden Plains at Rexford, 3:30 p.m.
 Wednesday — MANDT training at Glade, 8:30 a.m.; Area land judging contest at Atwood, 8:45 a.m.
 Thursday — MANDT training at Glade, 8:30 a.m.; Fort Hays State University methods class at Hays; High school cross country at Phillipsburg, 4:30 p.m.; Junior high volleyball and football at Damar, Volleyball at 5 p.m., Football at 6:45 p.m.
 Friday — High school football at Logan, 7 p.m.; cross country team leave at halftime of football game
 Saturday — High school volleyball tournament at Hill City, 8:30 a.m.; FFA district greenhand conference at Hays, 9 a.m.; High school and junior high cross country at Leonardville, 10:30 a.m.; FFA District
 Monday — NOSCHOOL, QPA DAY: Junior varsity football at Logan, 6 p.m.; School board meeting, conference room, Almena, 8 p.m.

Menus
 Monday — Breakfast: Sausage muffin/eggs, pear slices, cereal; Lunch; Barbecue beef on a bun, parslid potatoes, carrots, chocolate cake
 Tuesday — Breakfast: French toast/ham slice, grape juice; cereal; Lunch: Grilled ham-n-cheese, potato salad, baked beans, pear
JENNINGS
 Monday — High school junior varsity football at Quinter, 5:30 p.m.
 Thursday — Student council conference at Quinter; Junior high volleyball and football at Goodland, 4:30 p.m.
 Friday — High school football at St. Francis, 7 p.m.; Safari Adventure Day, Salina, for Grades K-4, leave at 6 a.m.

Junior High
 Monday — Student Council, a.p.
 Tuesday — Kay Board, a.p.
 Wednesday — Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.
 Thursday — Photos, junior high gym, 8:30 a.m.; Volleyball at Osborne, 4:30 p.m.; Football at Osborne, 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday — League volleyball at Phillipsburg, 9 a.m.
 Monday — Kays, a.p.
Eisenhower
 Monday — EC-grade 3, Fire safety presentation, cafeteria, 2:30 p.m.
 Tuesday — Grades 4-6 and kindergarten-fire safety presentation, cafeteria, 2:30 p.m.
 Wednesday — Photos, 8 a.m.; Pre-school photos, 4 p.m.
 Thursday — IEP day; Kindergarten Section A photos, 12:30 p.m.; EC-grade 2 meeting, 3:40 p.m.
All Schools
 Wednesday — Administrators' meeting, Alice Tweed Office, 9:30 a.m.
 Monday — Board of education meeting, Alice Tweed Office, 7:30

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, October 1, 8, 15, 2004. (3T)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS
 GEORGE ANTHONY, JANET ANTHONY, RUTH SHULMAN, a/k/a RUTH SCHULMAN, and JERRI QUALLS, Plaintiffs,
 Vs.
 Case No. 01-C-50
 KEITH ANTHONY, GARY ANTHONY, FAYE ANTHONY, DONALD ANTHONY, LARRY ANTHONY, TOM ANTHONY, RICHARD HILLEBRAND, and GARY HILLEBRAND and SUSAN HILLEBRAND, husband and wife, Defendants.
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
 THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
 You are hereby notified that Ken Badsky, Sheriff of Decatur County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate:
Tract 1: The Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Sixteen (16), Township One (1), Range Twenty-six (26), Decatur County, Kansas;
Tract 2: The Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township One (1), Range Twenty-six (26), Decatur County, Kansas;
Tract 3: The Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township Three (3), Range Twenty-five (25), Norton County, Kansas.
 Said sale shall be held on October 26, 2004, at 10:00 A.M., in the District Courtroom in the Courthouse in Oberlin, Decatur County, Kansas, to the highest bidder. Each tract shall be sold separately. Such sale shall be without right of redemption, but each tract must sell for more than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the valuation placed thereon by the Commissioners in Partition. The successful bidder shall pay 10% of the successful bid at the completion of the sale, and shall enter into a written contract for such purchase. Said sale shall be conducted with the assistance of Lynn Johnson of Johnson Realty, Inc., Oberlin, Kansas, (785-475-2785), and copies of said written contract may be obtained from him, or from the attorneys for Plaintiffs and Defendants.
 All persons interested should take notice and govern themselves accordingly.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

The Estate of Maxine Severns

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, September 24, October 1, 8, 2004. (3T)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
 In the Matter of the Estate of MAXINE M. SEVERNS, deceased
 Case No. 2004-P-33
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
 You are hereby notified that on September 20, 2004, a petition was filed in this Court by Neil E. Severns, an heir, devisee, legatee and named executor of the Last Will and Testament of Maxine E. Severns, dated July 30, 2002, praying that the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record, that he be appointed as executor without bond and that he be granted Letters Testamentary.
 You are required to file your written

defenses thereto on or before October 20, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., with this Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.
 All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if

their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
 Neil E. Severns, Petitioner
 Submitted by:
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The Estate of Mabel I. Wiles

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
 PROBATE DIVISION
 In the Matter of the Estate of MABEL I. WILES, Deceased
 Case No. 2004-PR-36
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on September 24, 2004, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters of Testamentary was filed in this Court by Iona M. Walker, formerly known as Iona M. Madden, an heir, devisee and legatee named in the last will and testament of Mabel I. Wiles, Deceased.
 All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
 Iona M. Walker
 Petitioner
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 Attorneys for Petitioner

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